

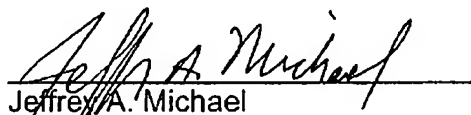
REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified patent application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

In a telephone interview conducted between Examiner Dinh and the undersigned on January 20, 2005, it was agreed that claims 14-16, 19 and 26 would be canceled, that claim 20 would be amended to include all of the limitations of canceled claim 19, and that claim 29 would be amended to address an antecedent basis issue. Accordingly, claims 14-16, 19 and 26 have been canceled herein. Claims 20 and 29 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner. Claim 17 has also been amended herein to correct a punctuation error.

Claims 4-5, 17-18, 20-22 and 29 are believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is solicited. The Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to discuss any further unresolved matters.

Respectfully submitted,


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